

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee
January 13, 2011**

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), Pauline Jaske, Walter Kolb, Pamela Meyer, Kathy Chiaverotti, Peter Gundrum, Tom Schellinger.

Also Present: County Board Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, Enterprise Operations Manager Andrew Thelke, Facility Supervisor James Elsbury, Highway Operations Manager Pete Chladil, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Project Manager Charlie Webb of CH2M HILL, Parks and Land Use Director Dale Shaver, Senior Financial Analyst Vince Masterson, County Board Chairman Jim Dwyer.

Approve Minutes of December 9, 2010

MOTION: Chiaverotti moved, second by Schellinger, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2010. Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence

- Final calculation for 2011 DOT General Transportation Aids
- Letter from Tom and Sharon Springer to Jim Dwyer regarding the West Waukesha Bypass
- Letter from Debra Bloede to Jim Dwyer regarding the West Waukesha Bypass
- Waukesha County employee holiday party invitation

Jaske requested a copy of the correspondence.

Executive Committee Meeting of December 13, 2010

Swan reviewed the items discussed at the December 13th Executive Committee meeting. The discussion of the County Clerk Election System Audit Report was deferred to the January 17 meeting due to the absence of County Clerk Nickolaus. Other items discussed included an ordinance pertaining to the library, an update on the library CAFE system, and suggestions for educational programs and speakers for the WCA conference. Several appointments were approved.

Gundrum arrived at 8:35 a.m.

Future Agenda Item

- Meeting to be held at the Retzer Nature Center in May 2011

Future Meeting Date

- February 10, 2011

Approval of Bid:

Exposition Center Arena Roof Replacement (Capital Project #200802) – Thelke was present to review the bid tabulation and letter of recommendation for the arena roof replacement project. Of the seven bid proposals submitted, Walsdorf Roofing Company, Inc. was the overall low bidder for the Base Bid and selected Alternates A, C, D and E.

Kolb inquired whether the County has had any experience with Walsdorf. Thelke stated the County has not; however, the consultant for this project, Roofing Consultants, Ltd., worked with Walsdorf on multiple jobs and has highly recommended them. Walsdorf has installed the same roofing system on the

Dane County Coliseum. Thelke provided further details regarding the roof installation process and materials utilized.

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Jaske second, to approve the bid by Walsdorf Roofing Company, Inc. in the amount of \$378,700 for the Base Bid and Alternates A, C, D and E. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Bids:

Northview Upgrades – Epoxy Flooring Project Phases 1-7 (Capital Project #200708-F) – Elsbury stated there were 15 contractors present for the pre-bid walk-through. Of those attending, six contractors submitted bid proposals as outlined on the bid tabulation sheet. Creative Maintenance Solutions submitted the low bid for the total of Base Bid 1 and Base Bid 2. Their references were checked and were all good. They have been doing work for Harley-Davidson for over 20 years.

MOTION: Chiaverotti moved, second by Jaske, to approve the bid by Creative Maintenance Solutions in the amount of \$105,369 for Base Bid 1 and Base Bid 2.

Meyer noted the large discrepancies between several of the bid proposals. Elsbury speculated that companies have their own bidding process and perhaps may not have had good understanding of the scope of the project. All vendors attended the same walk-through and at that time were informed no additional money is available for the project once the bid has been accepted and the project begins. Elsbury noted he has seen this type of wide discrepancy on smaller scale projects as well.

Elsbury provided further details regarding the epoxy application process and the materials utilized. Motion carried 7-0.

Northview Huber Facility Asbestos Abatement Project (Capital Project #200708-A) – Elsbury stated that there were 17 contractors present for the pre-bid walk-through for this project. Following the bid opening the low bidder, Badger Environmental Services, indicated they would be unable to conform due to an accounting error and therefore pulled their bid. The County did retain the bid bond in conformance with County policy. Corporation Counsel was involved in the process of the bid withdrawal. The next lowest bidder was Colt Construction Services. Colt Construction has indicated they would be able to meet all of the requirements for the project and appear to be a very competent company.

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Chiaverotti, to approve the bid by Colt Construction Services in the amount of \$79,782 for Base Bid 1.

Jaske reiterated Elsbury's previous statement that the County has kept Badger's bid bond, which Elsbury confirmed. She noted that in the past such bid rescissions came before the Committee for a decision as to whether or not to waive forfeiture of the bid bond. How was this instance decided without coming before the Public Works Committee? Elsbury was not familiar with the particular previous bid withdrawals; however, in this case Corporation Counsel was consulted, along with input from Purchasing and Facilities Divisions, and the decision was made to keep the bid bond.

Swan inquired about the amount of the bid bond forfeited. Elsbury stated the bid bond is 10 percent of the bid, amounting to \$4,626.50 in this case.

Elsbury noted that both the epoxy floor coating and asbestos abatement projects came in well under budget, allowing for better improvements in the HVAC and other phases of this capital project. As the

appropriateness of the additional expenditures in other phases areas was questioned, Elsbury assured that the goal is to have money left at the end of the project.

Motion carried 7-0.

Presentation on the Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) System

Chladil provided a PowerPoint presentation on the AVL system which has been installed on the 31 trucks used for state road maintenance. The system monitors the usage and activity of each vehicle, including location, odometer, rate of application for de-icing/salt applications, air and road temperature, and vehicle performance and maintenance needs. Referring to the Force America website, he demonstrated the functionality of the various reports that can be generated by the GPS system. Chladil also demonstrated a weather forecasting component, the Maintenance Decision Support System (MDSS). The MDSS utilizes weather forecasts and current weather conditions to assist in making effective winter road maintenance decisions such as treatment types, timing, rates of salt application, etc., in varying conditions throughout the County.

Update on the West Waukesha Bypass Project

Evans and Webb were present to provide an update on the progress of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the West Waukesha Bypass project since their last update to the Committee in October 2010. A brief recap of the events occurring up to this point was given, including the decision to eliminate several potential routes from further consideration. The updated proposed alternate alignment along Merrill Hills Road was presented on large-scale maps that depicted the entire route from the north-end of the corridor at I-94 through the south-end alternatives to Highway 59. The alternate routes included keeping portions of Merrill Hills Road as a frontage road in select areas by aligning the bypass to the east and west of the existing roadway while providing access to the bypass and reducing the number of driveways onto the bypass. The route alternatives south of Sunset Drive were pointed out and discussed and length. While the environmental impact would be minimized, the impacts to area residences are increased to varying degrees in each of the proposed alternatives. Resident opposition was discussed, as was the advantages of four-lane over two-lane construction.

Swan thanked Evans and Webb for the informative presentation.

2011 Winter Highway Conference Update

Bussler gave a brief update on the highlights of the 2011 Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) Winter Conference that she and Chladil attended. Newly appointed Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Mark Gottlieb, the WisDOT deputy secretary and WisDOT executive assistant were in attendance for the general session. The reestablishment of legislative priorities included continuation of support for the constitutional amendment to protect the State's segregated transportation fund. The State budget continues to be a major concern, with possible additional cuts anticipated. WCHA's 100th anniversary will be celebrated at this year's summer conference. Swan voiced his support of County staff attending the WCHA conferences.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Gundrum, to adjourn at 10:46 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline T. Jaske
Secretary